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Sirhan Sirhan (right), convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, talks with Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (left) at Soledad prison yesterday. At center is attorney Godfrey Isaac.

Sirhan Says He Can't Remember

SOLEDAD, Calif. (UPI) — Sirhan Sirhan says he remembers nothing of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, but a trip to the Ambassadaor Hotel — the scene of the crime — might unlock his memory.

Sirhan, 33, discussed the 1968 slaying of the senator yesterday for the first time since his trial in Los Angeles. At the California Training Facility, he met for three hours with two Los Angeles county officials interested in reopening the slaying.

"He wants to go back to the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles so he can visualize it," Godfrey Isaac, Sirhan's attorney, said after the meeting. "He wants to know himself — did he or did he not kill Bobby Kennedy?"

Sirhan was sentenced to death after his conviction, but his life was spared when capital punishment was ruled unconstitutional by the California Supreme Court. He is now serving a life sentence.

ASKED WHETHER Sirhan mentioned a conspiracy in his talk with County Supervisors Baxter Ward and Kenneth Hahn at the medium-security prison, Isaac said:

"He said unequivocally that he knows nothing of any conspiracy. But when asked about the 'Manchurian Candidate' theory and others influencing him, he said he didn't know."

In the book "Manchurian Candidate" by Richard Condon, an American prisoner-of-war in Korea was brainwashed into killing a presidential candidate in the United States.

During his 3½-month trial, Sirhan said he went into a "trance" shortly before the killing and did not remember anything until he was restrained by members of the Kennedy entourage.

A California Department of Corrections official said in Sacramento that Sirhan would not be allowed to visit the hotel unless there was an official request from the Los Angeles district attorney's office or there was a court order.

Isaac and the two supervisors said they believed hypnosis would be a "valuable" tool to clear Sirhan's memory. The lawyer said he would meet with his client to discuss te possibility.

ISAAC SAID Sirhan told them he has studied the so-called "second-gun" theory and "hopes it is correct."

This theory — twice rejected after major investigations — poses the possibility that a security guard nearby may also have fired shots at Kennedy.

During his trial, the Palestinian immigrant said he acted "willfully, premeditatedly and with 20 years of malice aforethought." It was believed he had been angry over Kennedy's support for Israel.